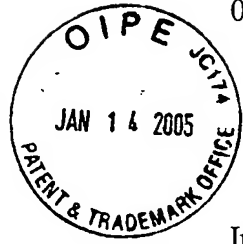


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(AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 14, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.

Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the title of the invention with the following new title:

--IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS FEATURING A RESISTANCE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AN IMAGE BEARING MEMBER AND A TRANSFER
MEMBER--.